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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

**Listing of Claims:** 

1. (Original) A decorative sheet or a molding, in particular for indoor or outdoor

applications on buildings, made from a monolaterally or bilaterally decorative-layer-

laminated, pressed single- or multilap core layer made from wood fibers, cellulose fibers, a

mixture of wood fibers and cellulose fibers, or from timber sawdust products, where the

fibers or the timber sawdust products have been impregnated with a resin as binder and are

surrounded by the hot-curing binder, wherein the core layer comprises a filler material whose

particle size is smaller than the thickness of the fibers or of the timber sawdust products.

2. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core

layer is composed of from 15 to 80% by weight of fibers or of timber sawdust products, from

10 to 75% by weight of filler material, and from 10 to 50% by weight of resin, based in each

case on the total weight of the core layer.

3. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core

layer encompasses from 25 to 75% by weight of fibers or of timber sawdust products, from 20

to 50% by weight of filler material, and from 15 to 35% by weight of resin, based in each case

on the total weight of the core layer.

4. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler

material is thermally stable up to 200°C and neither hydrolyzable nor hygroscopic, and is

composed of inorganic or organic material.

5. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particle

size of the filler material is in the range from 1 to 250  $\mu$ m, in particular from 5 to 50  $\mu$ m.

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6. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler material is selected from the group consisting of inorganic materials encompassing, inter alia, tale, chalk, dolomite, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, barium sulfate, pearlite,

diatomite, mica, calcium carbonate, and mixtures of these.

7. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler

material is composed of organic materials, such as ground residues of HPL sheets, sawdust

produced from HPL sheets when the sheets are cut, ground used HPL sheets, ground residues

of timber sawdust products, wood fibers, cellulose fibers.

8. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the water

content of the core layer prior to press-molding to give a prepreg is from 0.5 to 10% by

weight, in particular from 1.5 to 2.5% by weight, based on the total weight of the core layer.

9. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the water

absorption of the sheet decreases as the content of the filler material rises, at a resin content of

from 20 to 25% by weight.

10. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 9, wherein the volume

swelling of the sheet decreases as inorganic filler content rises, at a resin content of from 20

to 25% by weight.

11. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 9, wherein the volume

swelling of the sheet remains almost constant as organic filler content rises, at a resin content

of from 20 to 25% by weight.

12. (Original) The decorative sheet as claimed in claim 9, wherein the flexural strength of the

sheet with up to 50% by weight content of filler material is at most 20% lower than the

flexural strength of a sheet in whose core layer no filler material is present.

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13. (Original). An article comprising the sheet or the molding of claim 1 for external cladding of buildings in the form of a curtain facade, of a panel screening a wall or roof, or of cladding for a balcony, or of a parapet panel or apron panel, or else for the internal lining of walls or furniture, or of wet-rooms or laboratory equipment.

- 14. (Canceled)
- 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Canceled)